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Council outlines 21 goals for city

By JADE MCDOWELL East Oregonian

Developing Stanfield's interchange with Interstate 84 is the city's top priority, according to a goal-setting process with city councilors.

Councilors had two different brainstorming sessions earlier in the year, then individually ranked all projects according to importance. Fostering development at the interchange by expanding the city's urban growth boundary was the first of 21 goals released Friday by the city of Stan-

City manager Blair Larsen said he expects the goals to guide the city's work for the next five years. Some projects on the list are already in the works, while others will need grant money or other revenue sources behind them before they become a reality.

"Funding is always the issue," Larsen said.

As far as development of the land around the interchange, Larsen said there are two main ways a city can directly influence development: putting the necessary infrastructure into place and working to match the needs of potential developers. The state often sends "leads" to cities, letting them know that a company is in need of a piece of land in their area that meets a certain list of criteria. Larsen said Stanfield usually doesn't have a match because its available commercial and industrial land is too small or too far away from the city's

infrastructure. The state is extremely restrictive on when cities can add space to their urban boundaries, and growth Larsen said Stanfield's needs wouldn't fit that criteria. However, he believes the city would qualify to swap land, taking a chunk out of the city's UGB elsewhere and putting in the land around the

interchange instead. Developer Kent Madison is looking to develop an RV park and commercial space on the opposite side of the interchange, near Echo. That land is in Echo's urban growth boundary, not Stan-

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One dead in arson fire



Laurie Sammons of Canyon City thumbs through a box of family photographs salvaged from the home of her father, Larry Castro, on Monday in Pilot Rock. Castro died in an early-morning fire Sunday that police believe was arson.

Angela Marie Fix arrested for first-degree arson

By PHIL WRIGHT East Oregonian

Brandon Cross remembered crawling on his belly to search the burning Pilot Rock home for anyone in danger. He said he spent a few frantic moments inside the house before the overwhelming heat and flames forced him to retreat.

'It burned the hair off the back of my head," said Cross.

Pilot Rock Police Chief William Caldera in a written statement reported firefighters found the body of Larry Eugene Castro, 72, just inside the front door of Castro's home at 439 S.W. Birch Place, off Highway 395 in the small town.

Caldera also reported police arrested Angela Marie Fix, 40, of 522 S.W. Birch Place, for first-degree arson.

Cross and his girlfriend were returning to John Day after attending the Pendleton Whisky Music

Fest when they saw smoke coming from the home Sunday around 1:45 a.m. Their day of fun, he said, turned into a nightmare.

"As soon as I seen the house was

on fire, I started beating inside maybe a minute, though it felt while his girlfriend called

A lamp was still on in the

living room, so he figured

someone was home, but no one responded. Cross said he broke in. Furniture and walls

were ablaze, he said, and thick smoke hovered a mere eight inches off the floor.

"I was on my stomach crawling through the house," he said. Without a flashlight he relied on

the flames to see. Cross said he was

on the door," Cross said, like an hour, and he saw no body. Then he had to get out.

> Cross said he ran to the back and spotted an open bedroom window. "There was a teddy bear right

there, and I thought there was children in the house," he said, so he broke in through the window.

Cross said he checked in and under the bed and again found no one. But he was not done.

Smoke billowed into a small house nearby. Again he pounded on a door, and again no one answered.

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Fans pack stadium for Maroon 5

Whisky Music Festival sells out in second year

> By GEORGE PLAVEN East Oregonian

The first time Heather Hampton saw Maroon 5 in concert, the band was the opening act at a West Hollywood nightclub in 2002.

Fifteen years and three Grammy Awards later, Hampton has seen Maroon 5 play a staggering 198 times — including Saturday's headline performance at the second annual Pendleton Whisky Music Festival.

"The first time I saw them live, they were just super talented and super catchy," Hampton said.

Music fans and critics agreed, and Maroon 5 has since ascended to superstardom, winning multiple awards and topping the U.S. Billboard album charts.

Hampton, who works as a mail carrier in San Diego, can say she's been there since the beginning. She has a tattoo of the band's name on her left forearm, and a video on YouTube from 2011 when she was invited on stage by lead singer Adam Levine at the Hollywood Bowl.

"She started it all," Levine told the crowd. "She was our first huge fan.



Saturday's sold out Pendleton Whisky Music Fest featured Little McKay Creek Band, Runaway June, Magic and headliner Maroon 5.

Hampton made the trip to Pendleton with her friend and fellow Maroon 5 superfan Tracy Wesolowski. The two women previously met about five years ago at a K-Mart in Los Angeles, where they attended a promotional event for Levine's clothing line. Now, they travel to shows together whenever they can.

The duo arrived Friday night following a 12-hour drive from Wesolowski's home in San Jose.

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